TEST SPECIMENS

AN EXHIBITION OF DRAWINGS BY THOM YORKE & STANLEY DONWOOD

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Radiohead vocalist Thom Yorke and artist Stanley Donwood first met in the 1980s as students at Exeter University and have created art together ever since. Donwood has created the cover art for all of Radiohead's ground-breaking albums since The Bends in 1996. Presented by TIN MAN ART, TEST SPECIMENS brings together 60 works on paper the pair created in 1999-2001, whilst also working on the iconic turn of the millennium albums Kid A (2000) and Amnesiac (2001).

Thom Yorke and Stanley Donwood never worked together in an obvious way. Instead, they created a different way of thinking about creativity. Two people producing in tandem with each working concurrently and constantly bouncing images and ideas between them – pages torn from sketchbooks shared via fax (in 1999, the internet and emails were still in their infancy). Their drawings, which feed into record covers and Radiohead's expanded website and visual material, are more like diptychs than duets.

Fragments of text and unfinished images is an ongoing trope in both their works, scrawled attempts to capture energy, emotion and thought. The pair have a variety of aesthetic approaches, even within their own works. Their drawings are largely black and white, something that shifts when the pair work on album imagery – these drawings are works in progress, moments in time. A lot of the drawings came from their respective dreams.

The works were all made in the period after the Radiohead albums OK Computer was released and Kid A was being recorded, a moment of personal upheaval, and there is something intimate about peering into their minds through these drawings. Music, or rather the expanded audience and spaces where music was promoted and experienced, was a way for Yorke and Donwood to communicate their ideas. Both were against the pretensions of the art world and focusing on a very different mass audience.

"What I was wanting to do at the time was utilise Radiohead's fame as a canvas to put our ideas as big as possible in as many people's faces as possible. Using the record shop as a democratic Art Gallery and advertising hoardings as basically propaganda spaces," Donwood explains.

A lot of the work is quite violent and scratchy. It is fed by nightmares, mental unrest, politics and discomfort. Yet both their works also contain elements of humour, cuteness and beauty. As Francesca Gavin notes in her essay for the exhibition catalogue, this is what makes these drawings still resonate 20 years later - the tension between pleasure and discomfort.

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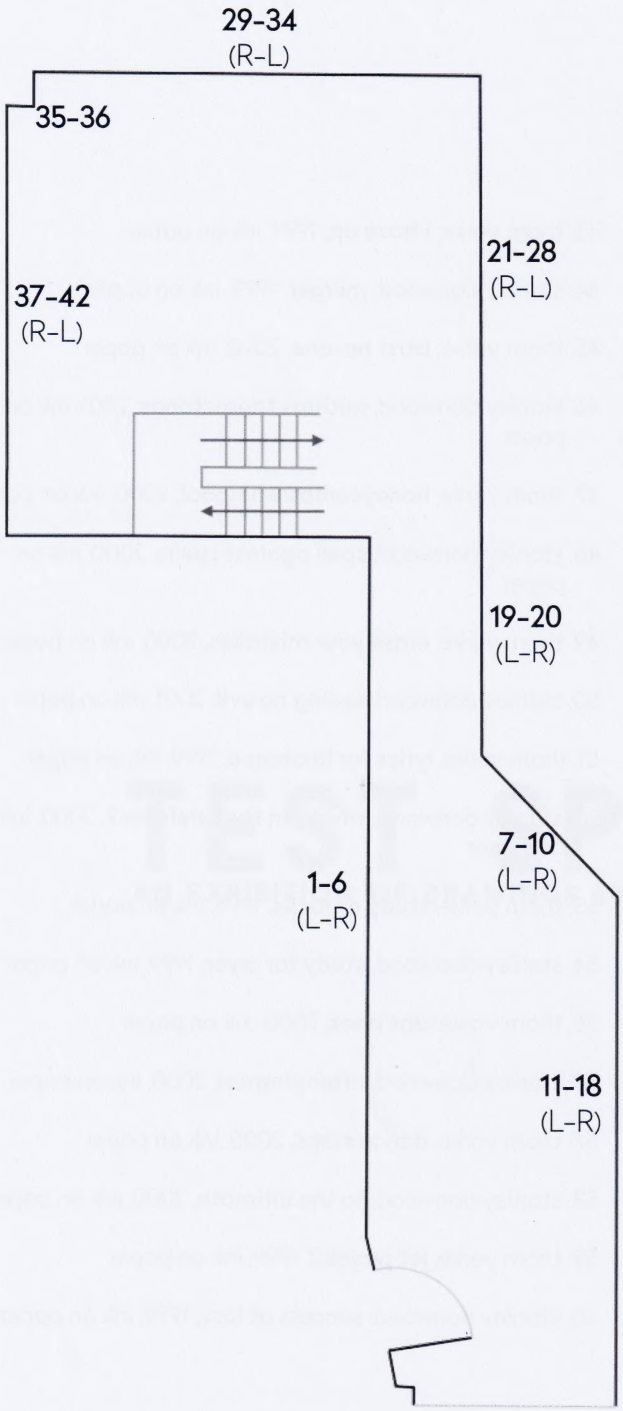
1. thom yorke , **oh shit** , 1999, ink on paper
2. stanley donwood, **international diplomacy explained,** 1999, ink on paper
3. thom yorke, **self portrait with spiders,** 2000, ink on paper
4. stanley donwood, **volcano erupts - hideous scenes,** 2000, ink on paper
5. thom yorke, **didcot power station from wittenham clumps**, 1999, ink on paper
6. stanley donwood, **ziggurat,** 1999, ink on paper
7. thom yorke, **enid blyton,** 1999, ink on paper
8. stanley donwood, **pyramids, scarecrows, volcanoes,** 1999, ink & coloured pencil on paper
9. thom yorke, **first lyrics for nude,** 2000, ink on paper
10. stanley donwood, **management buyout,** 2000, ink on paper
11. thom yorke, **a furnace for the burning of money,** 1999, ink on paper
12. stanley donwood, **amnesiac cryer,** 2000, ink on paper
13. thom yorke, **i spoke too soon,** 1999, ink on paper
14. stanley donwood, **for contact with food,** 1999, ink on paper
15. thom yorke, **iranian embassy3,** 2000, ink on paper
16. stanley donwood, **theater des todes,** 2000, ink on paper
17. thom yorke, **mountains**, 1999, ink on paper
18. stanley donwood, **opposing directions,** 1999, ink on paper
19. thom yorke, **w.a.s.t.e. private army,** 1999, ink on paper
20. stanley donwood, **selling fast,** 1999, ink, collage & coloured pencil on paper



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26. stanley donwood, **dream trees & harbinger**, 2001, ink on paper
27. thom yorke, **trees**, 2000, ink on paper
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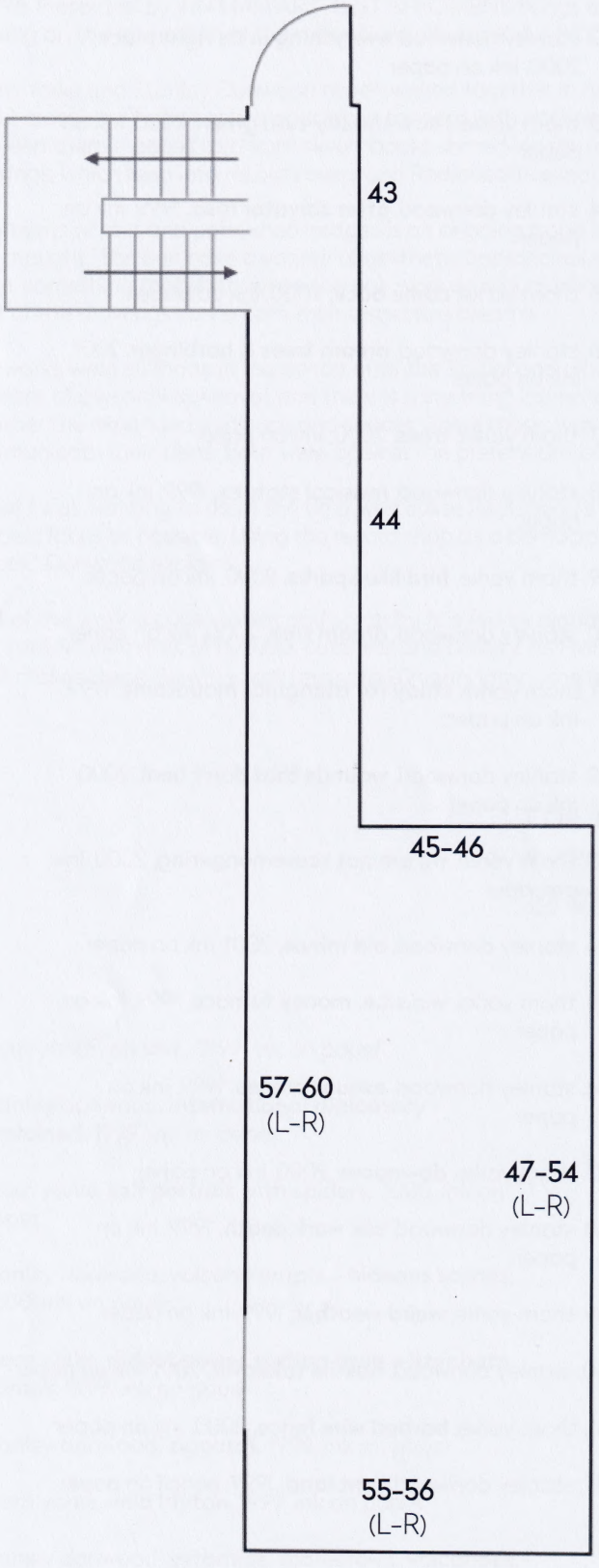
33. thom yorke, **we are not scaremongering**, 2000, ink on paper
34. stanley donwood, **old minos**, 2001, ink on paper
35. thom yorke, **w.a.s.t.e. money furnace**, 1999, ink on paper
36. stanley donwood, **exeunt omnes**, 1999, ink on paper
37. thom yorke, **downpour**, 2000, ink on paper
38. stanley donwood, **sex work death**, 1999, ink on paper
39. thom yorke, **weird weather**, 1999, ink on paper
40. stanley donwood, **hostile takeover**, 2001, ink on paper
41. thom yorke, **barbed wire fence**, 2000, ink on paper
42. stanley donwood, **gmt land**, 1999, pencil on paper

GROUND FLOOR



LOWER GROUND FLOOR

43. thom yorke, **i froze up**, 1999, ink on paper

44. stanley donwood, **merger**, 1999, ink on paper

45. thom yorke, **trust no-one**, 2000, ink on paper

46. stanley donwood, **mithras tauroctonos**, 2001, ink on paper

47. thom yorke, **honeycombs:whirlpool**, 2000, ink on paper

48. stanley donwood, **spell against spells**, 2000, ink on paper

49. thom yorke, **erase your mistakes**, 2000, ink on paper

50. stanley donwood, **seeing no evil**, 2001, ink on paper

51. thom yorke, **lyrics for idioteque**, 1999, ink on paper

52. stanley donwood, **what's in the briefcase?**, 2000, ink on paper

53. thom yorke, **study of rocks**, 1999, ink on paper

54. stanley donwood, **study for cryer**, 1999, ink on paper

55. thom yorke, **das boot**, 2000, ink on paper

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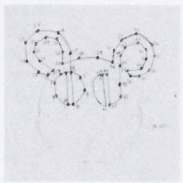
thom yorke
oh shit
1999
ink on paper
200 x 200 mm
SOLD



2.
stanley donwood
international diplomacy explained
1999
ink on paper
100 x 100 mm
SOLD

3.
thom yorke
self portrait with spiders
2000
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not for sale

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volcano erupts - hideous scenes
2000
ink on paper
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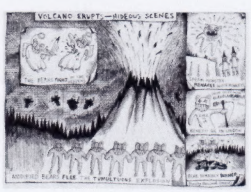
SOLD



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thom yorke
didcot power station from wittenham clumps
1999
ink on paper
297 x 204 mm
SOLD

6.
stanley donwood
ziggurat
1999
ink on paper
220 x 297 mm
£6,000.00 inc. VAT

7.
thom yorke
enid blyton
1999
ink on paper
128 x 210 mm
SOLD

8.
stanley donwood
pyramids, scarecrows, volcanoes
1999
ink & coloured pencil on paper
210 x 170 mm
£8,400.00 inc. VAT

9.
thom yorke
first lyrics for nude
2000
ink on paper
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SOLD

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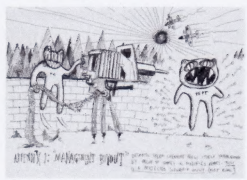
management buyout
2000
ink on paper
297 x 210 mm
SOLD



11.
thom yorke
a furnace for the burning of money
1999
ink on paper
200 x 190 mm
SOLD

12.
stanley donwood
amnesiac cryer
2000
ink on paper
210 x 70 mm
SOLD

13.
thom yorke
i spoke too soon
1999
ink on paper
200 x 297 mm
SOLD

14.
stanley donwood
for contact with food
1999
ink on paper
100 x 100 mm
£6,000.00 inc. VAT

15.
thom yorke
iranian embassy3
2000
ink on paper
190 x 297 mm
£7,200.00 inc. VAT
reserved

16.
stanley donwood
theater des todes
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17.
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mountains
1999
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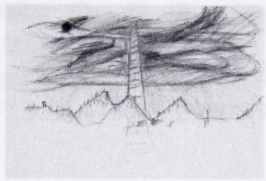

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stanley donwood
opposing directions
1999
ink on paper
205 x 296 mm
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19.
thom yorke
w.a.s.t.e. private army
1999
ink on paper
180 x 180 mm
SOLD

20.
stanley donwood
selling fast
1999
ink, collage & coloured pencil on paper
208 x 118 mm
SOLD

21.
thom yorke
slightly confused
2000
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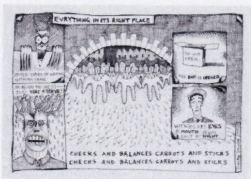

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i saw the sky turn green
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stanley donwood
after salvator rosa
1999
ink on paper
205 x 296 mm
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25.
thom yorke
come back
2000
ink on paper
200 x 297 mm
SOLD

26.
stanley donwood
dream trees & harbinger
2001
ink on paper
210 x 297 mm
£7,800.00 inc. VAT

27.
thom yorke
trees
2000
ink on paper
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28.
stanley donwood
musical statues
1999
ink on paper
210 x 297 mm
SOLD

29.
thom yorke
bird like sparks
2000
ink on paper
297 x 200 mm
SOLD

30.
stanley donwood
dream tree
2000
ink on paper
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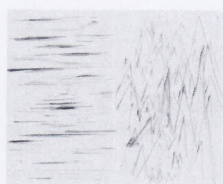

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wounds that don't heal
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thom yorke
we are not scaremongering
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ink on paper
200 x 165 mm
not for sale

34.
stanley donwood
old minos
2001
ink on paper
193 x 297 mm
£7,800.00 inc. VAT

35.
thom yorke
w.a.s.t.e. money furnace
1999
ink on paper
204 x 297 mm
£7,800.00 inc. VAT
Reserved

36.
stanley donwood
exeunt omnes
1999
ink on paper
190 x 115 mm
SOLD

37.
thom yorke
downpour
2000
ink on paper
129 x 209 mm
£6,000.00 inc. VAT

38.
stanley donwood
sex work death
1999
ink on paper
198 x 183 mm
SOLD

39.
thom yorke
weird weather
1999
ink on paper
190 x 297 mm
£7,200.00 inc. VAT
SOLD

40.
stanley donwood
hostile takeover
2001
ink on paper
210 x 250 mm
£7,800.00 inc. VAT

41.
thom yorke
barbed wire fence
2000
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gmt land
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pencil on paper
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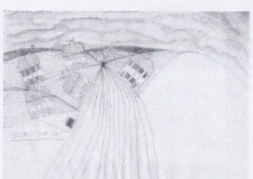

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thom yorke
trust no-one
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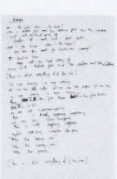

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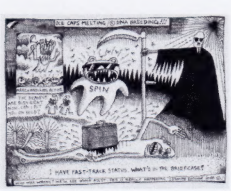

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£9,600.00 inc. VAT
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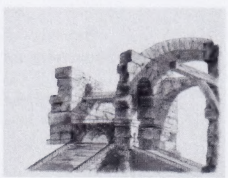

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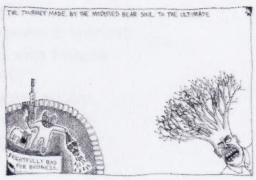

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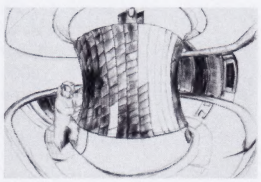

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success at last
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edition of 100
190 x 265 mm
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wounds that don't heal
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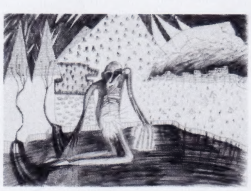

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